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SUBJ: AMERICAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR REZA SHAH THE
GREAT UNIVERSITY

REF. TEHRAN 8128

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT GOI IN CONTACT
WITH HARVARD RE ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING REZA SHAH UNI-
VERSITY. HARVARD VICE PRESIDENT, CHASE PETERSON, DUE TO
ARRIVE TEHRAN NOV. 3 FOR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH IRANIAN
OFFICIALS.

2. SINCE IN AMERICAN SYSTEM EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE IN
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF UNIVERSITIES LIE LARGELY OUT-
SIDE USG, GOI APPEARS TO BE ON RIGHT TRACT IN ITS APPROACH
TO HARVARD. IN ANY EVENT, WE BELIEVE DISCUSSIONS NECES-
SARY TO DEFINE IRANIAN INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN FUNDING
NEW INSTITUTION.

3. SHOULD GOI INDICATE INTEREST IN CONTACTING OTHER AMERI
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ARE AWARE OF SEVERAL OTHER PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS (LISTED BELOW) WITH CAPABILITIES IN THIS FIELD AND WHICH COULD SUPPLEMENT WHATEVER ASSISTANCE HARVARD CAN OFFER. INITIAL DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE FOLLOWED UP BY VISIT TO IRAN OF SMALL TEAM FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION. FROM THIS WE WOULD HOPE A

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WOULD DEVELOP UNDER WHICH US INSTITUTIONS COULD HELP IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, RECRUIT

ING FACULTY EXCHANGES, AND FACILITY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

4. FOLLOWING ARE INSTITUTIONS YOU COULD NAME IN RESPONSE TO GOI REQUEST FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE:

A. EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 55 CHAPEL STREET, NEWTON, MASS. 02160 (DR. EDWIN CAMPBELL, PRES.) EDC HAS THE CAPABILITY FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION (INCL. RECRUITING) FOR PROJECTS SUCH AS THIS, WITH EXPERIENCE IN INDIA, AFGHANISTAN AND AFRICA.

B. MIDWEST UNIVERSITIES CONSORTIUM FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INC., MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MICH. 48824 (GEORGE H. AXINN, PRES.) MUCIA, CONSISTING OF INDIANA, ILLINOIS, WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA, AND MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITIES, HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM UNIVERSITY PLANNING AND INSTITUTION BUILDING TO SIMPLY RECRUITING PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE.

C. ACADEMY FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, 1424 SIXTEENTH ST., N.W., WASH., D.C. 20036. AED COULD PULL TOGETHER A PRELIMINARY PLANNING TEAM TO DEVELOP A MORE PRECISE FORMULATION OF NEEDS AND ACTIVITIES AS A BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONTRACTS WITH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS EDC OR MUCIA.

BASED ON AID'S EXPERIENCE WE ARE INCLINED TO RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE ALTERNATIVES IN THE ORDER LISTED. INGERSOLL

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